
WESTERN RESERVE

MANAGEMENT PLAN



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1.0 Introduction

This Management Plan has been produced as an update and review of the 1999 Western Reserve Management Plan (amended October, 2001). It provides a guide for future Council management of Western Reserve. Preparation of the Plan is a statutory requirement under the Reserves Act 1977. The Plan provides a general direction for expenditure by Council for future development. Implementation is adapted through ongoing consultation with the Reserve advisory committee.

*Future
Management*

The Plan review process provides an opportunity for the people of Rodney District to have a say in the management of the Reserve by making submissions to the preparation and development of this Plan. Communities and individuals can also support initiatives outlined in the Management Plan by making submissions during the Annual Plan process.

Public Consultation

The Management Plan relates to use, enjoyment, protection, maintenance and development of the Reserve, and the purpose of its classification (Recreation Reserve) under the Reserves Act 1977. The Rodney District Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991 also applies to the Reserve.

2.0 Location

Western Reserve is located at the Southern entrance to Orewa, in the Eastern Ward of the Rodney District. The site is bounded by the Hibiscus Coast Highway (SH1) to the east, Orewa River to the west and south and residential development to the north.

Eastern Ward

Western Reserve plays an important role in the Orewa open space network. The site is part of a number of reserves along the Orewa River, estuary and coast that provide a continuous walkway (*Millennium Walk*) connecting the open space provisions in Orewa and with those in Silverdale North.

Wider Connections

Figure 1.1: Illustrates the wider context in which this Reserve is located.
Figure 1.2: Illustrates site specific location and existing situation.

Maps

3.0 Legal Description

Western Reserve comprises of 9.135 hectares and is made up of the following parcels of land:

*Eight parcels of
land 9.1350 ha*

Lot 1 DP 204342	1.2763 ha
Lot 1 DP 142814	0.0553 ha
Lot 2 DP 142814	0.9560 ha
Lot 3 DP 142814	0.4480 ha
Lot 3 DP 204342	5.2635 ha
Lot 2 DP 204342	0.4717 ha
Allot 699 Waiwera Parish SO 53766	0.5800 ha
<u>Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera</u>	<u>0.0842 ha</u>
Total	9.1350 ha

Refer to Figure 1.3 for Cadastral Information.

4.0 Ownership

Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera is owned by Rodney District Council, all other land areas are owned by the Crown and vested in trust in Rodney District Council.

Crown land vested in RDC

5.0 Classification (Reserves Act 1977)

All parcels of land (except for Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera) in Western Reserve are classified as Recreation Reserve under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

Recreation Reserve

6.0 Zoning (Rodney District Plan 2000)

Under the Rodney District Plan, Western Reserve is zoned Open Space 4 (Multi-use and Community) except for Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera. The following are objectives for this zone:

Open Space 4

- *To enable the communities recreational, sporting and leisure needs to be met without compromising amenity values of surrounding areas.*
- *To ensure that adequate land and facilities are available to meet the recreational needs of the existing and future population of the District and the Region.*
- *To maintain and enhance public access to and along the coast, wetland, lakes and rivers.*
- *To ensure that the natural character and the conservation values of open space along the coast, rivers and lakes, and within reserves with significant vegetation or wildlife values, within the District, are not significantly altered and remain in a relatively natural unmodified state.*
- *To ensure that the use and development of open space and recreation facilities takes place without significant adverse effects upon the surrounding environment.*
- *To ensure that the use and development of open space and recreation facilities takes place, without significantly reducing the amenity values of the open space area or its ability to function as a reserve or open space.*

Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera is zoned Residential Medium. The following are objectives for this zone:

Residential Medium

- *To maintain and enhance amenity values within residential sites.*
- *To maintain and enhance amenity values of neighbourhoods and residential areas.*
- *To allow higher intensity development only where both the local and the more wide ranging adverse effects of such development can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.*
- *To protect the character, ecological, landscape and open space qualities of the environment and especially the natural character of the areas near the coast and landscapes of high value, from being adversely effected by inappropriate subdivision and development.*

7.0 Historical Background

The Western Reserve coastal edge was an important landing area for early Pioneers negotiating the Orewa River. Pioneers ferried across the river by boat before the first bridge was erected.

Early River Crossings

A large proportion of Western Reserve is reclaimed land. The Reserve land area increased in size in 1941, and again in 1943, 1953 and 1958 through reclamation and infill. In 1980 the mudflats adjoining the Boy's Brigade Camp were reclaimed and used as a clean fill and log dumping area, this was vested to the Council and formed the last addition of the reclaimed land to the Reserve (Refer to Figure 1.7).

Reclaimed Land

The latest addition of land to Western Reserve was a 0.0842 ha (Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera) residential property on Centreway Road. The Council purchased this land in October 1999 with the intention to enhance the reserve frontage along Centreway Road.

Additional Purchasing

8.0 Natural Physical Features

Western Reserve is made up of a combination of reclaimed land and old coastal edge of relatively flat contour, with some undulation.

Relatively flat contour

The main physical feature of the Reserve is the interface between the Reserve and the Orewa River. This coastal edge extends along the entire southern boundary of the Reserve, approximately 420 metres.

Coastal Edge

Some erosion occurs along the coastal edge of the Reserve. In some areas rocks have been placed in an attempt to alleviate this erosion, in particular the south-western area and the area by the boat ramp. There are also some stone filled gabion mesh baskets located near the Youth Centre.

Coastal Erosion

The Reserve forms part of the broader Orewa River and Estuary ecosystem. There are pockets of mangrove vegetation growing adjacent to the southern edge of the Reserve. The main vegetative element of the Reserve is located along this coastal edge and consists of predominantly Pohutukawa specimen trees with some significant Norfolk Island Pines.

Coastal Edge Vegetation

The pockets of mangrove habitat and the tidal mudflats of the Orewa River provide an important feeding and shelter area for birds, fish and insect species. The Pohutukawa as mentioned above provide good cover and nesting opportunities for some bird species along the coastal edge.

Mangroves and Tidal Mudflats

The Reserve currently has limited value in terms of ecology being predominately open mown grassland. Given the Reserve's location it has the potential to significantly add value to the ecology of this area.

Proximity to Orewa River and Estuary Ecosystem

The coastal edge is highly valued not only for passive recreation and general amenity but also for its potential to be enhanced as an environmental learning opportunity/educational resource.

Educational/ Learning

Approximately, just over half of the Reserve (the western half) consists of a large expanse of mown grassed open space, with limited mixed native/exotic specimen trees located along the Reserve boundaries.

Open Space

9.0 Landscape Modification

The Western Reserve land itself is of a modified nature, being primarily the result of depositing fill into the estuary during the 1940's, 1950's and 1980.

Reclaimed Land

The eastern end of the Reserve is the most developed area with a range of commercial and community buildings and areas of carparking. The buildings range in size and style, with many being relatively old buildings; such as the

Commercial and Community buildings

Community House building's, Crèche, Orewa Bowling Clubrooms, the Youth Centre, the Information Centre kiosk, the Orewa Lions Club storage shed and the public toilet block located near the boat ramp. Other buildings include the KFC (fast food outlet), and the Hibiscus Coast Dog Obedience Clubrooms being the latest addition.

Details of the buildings and facilities located within the Reserve are outlined in Section 10.0 Uses/Leases. The spatial layout of these buildings has led to a lack of coherency and legibility along Hibiscus Coast Highway, the Reserve's most prominent frontage.

The south eastern corner of the Reserve is dominated by the mini golf, information kiosk, Lions Club storage shed, pump station, public toilets, areas of dense vegetation, various styles of fences and carparking associated with the above commercial and community activities. Together these elements create a series of visual barriers limiting views into the Reserve, resulting in poor visual surveillance in this area.

*Facilities Dominate
Street Frontage*

The north eastern corner is also dominated by old buildings eg Community Houses and crèche, limiting both visibility and accessibility into the Reserve.

Other recreational facilities adding to the lawn bowls and mini golf include Orewa's only skate park located adjacent to the Youth Centre and a sand drained field with flood lighting for dog obedience and dog shows.

*Recreational
Facilities*

A walkway extends along the coastal edge from the boat ramp through to the open grassed area at the western end of the Reserve, where it then continues along the Orewa River edge to Centreway Reserve, Orewa College and Orewa Primary School. The walkway is a 2 metre wide concrete path in adequate condition. A portion of the walkway at the south eastern end, is located behind the Lion's Club Building limiting visibility and surveillance. The walkway is part of a wider walkway system which links to the 'Millennium Walkway' and is intended to provide a continuous link throughout Orewa, the Orewa estuary and Silverdale North, as seen on Figure 1.1

*Coastal Walkway
(Millennium Walk)*

A boat ramp is situated directly adjacent to the Orewa Bridge on Hibiscus Coast Highway (SH1) providing access to the Orewa River. A sealed 12 space carpark is associated with the boat ramp. A timber jetty has been constructed south of the boat ramp adjoining the abutments of the earlier State Highway 1 bridge. This is a popular addition to the Reserve, used for viewing, seating and fishing.

*Boat Ramp,
Timber Jetty and
Old SH1
Abutments*

Vehicle access to the Reserve and the majority of carparking is provided from Hibiscus Coast Highway (SH1). Secondary access is available from Edgewater Grove, for special events and maintenance vehicles.

*Vehicle
Access*

Western Reserve has very poor drainage particular in winter, limiting pedestrian access. The poor drainage and the Reserves general uneven surface has created several boggy depressions in the open grassed area that require regular maintenance. The poor drainage and general uneven surface is a result of the fill material settling over time and it is not unusual to see holes open up within these reclaimed areas. The Reserve also lies close to sea level, which inhibits drainage.

*Drainage and
Stability Issues*

Sewage treatment structures including an odour bed and camper van disposal unit are located adjacent to the boat ramp and public toilet block. The sewage treatment structures and odour bed currently add to the congested nature of the south eastern corner of the Reserve, as previously noted.

*Sewage Treatment
Structures*

10.0 Uses/Leases

The Reserve provides for a range of formal and informal recreational pursuits and community functions/special events. The existing diversity of the Reserve is reflected in the range of facilities on site and the current Reserve leases. *Range of activities*

The main use of the reserve is for walking access linking to the larger walkway network within Orewa and as a major pedestrian link to Orewa College. Other informal activities currently carried out include informal sports games, bike riding, jogging, volleyball, skateboarding, in-line skating and picnicking. *Informal Activities*

Formal activities that currently occur within the Reserve include lawn bowls, mini golf, rock climbing and dog obedience. *Formal Activities*

Special events that currently occur within the Reserve include, but are not limited to, Waitemata A & P Association Annual Show, music concerts, circus venue, motor home events, car club displays, overflow training grounds, market days, dog shows, skate park competitions and fitness events. *Special Events*

A plan illustrating the existing leases of Western Reserve is shown on Figure 1.4. *Plan*

Western Reserve has a number of formal leases and activity licenses for both community related facilities and commercial activities. Below is a list of the current leases, licenses, activities and associated structures and/or modifications: *Range of Leases*

Leases:

1. Orewa Bowling Club (Incorporated)

Orewa Bowling Club Incorporated has a formal lease to occupy 1.1469 hectares comprising three bowling greens and associated buildings. This includes an area to the western boundary of the lease, which was added to the lease in 1998. The lease is for 33 years commencing 1st November 1982 with the right of renewal for a further 33 years. *Current lease with right of renewal expires 2048*

2. Hibiscus Coast Community Buildings and Crèche

Hibiscus Coast Community Group currently occupy three residential dwellings on the Reserve, which serve the Hibiscus Coast area. A Crèche operates from an adjacent fourth building. A new lease is to be negotiated for a period of 10 years with a right of renewal for a further 10 years, beginning 2008. *New lease to begin in 2008 with right of renewal expires 2028*

3. Orewa Mini Golf Links

The lease is for a period of 3 years from 5 December 1998 and expired on the 4th December 2001. This commercial facility is currently functioning without lease. It is proposed to offer Orewa Mini Golf Links a 3 year renewable lease with the right of renewal for a further 3 years and there after for another 3 years. *Lease expired 2001, offer a new renewable lease*

4. Hibiscus Coast Youth Council

The Youth Council lease an area of land on which they have erected a building, approximately 375m2 in size. The lease is for a period of 19 years from 1 November 1996 and expires on the 30 November 2014. *Lease expires November 2014*

5. Hibiscus Coast Dog Obedience Club

The Hibiscus Coast Dog Obedience Club lease an area of land, on which they have erected a clubroom building approximately 150m² in size. A sand based field with flood lighting has also been constructed for dog obedience and dog shows. The lease commenced on June 2001 and expires on the 14 March 2020.

*Lease expires
March 2020*

6. Community Arts Centre

The Arts Forum Incorporated (TAFI) has a formal lease to occupy approximately 553m² (Lot 1 DP 142814). The lease is for a period of 11 years commencing 1st February 2007, with a right of renewal for a further 10 years.

*Current lease with
right of renewal
expires 2028*

Licenses:

Activities such as kayak and canoe hire operate from the Reserve with an annual license being granted for these activities. These activities occur from the Hibiscus Coast Youth Council Building.

Additional Activities:

1. Hibiscus Coast Information Centre

The Hibiscus Coast Information Centre occupy a small kiosk building adjacent the Orewa Mini Golf Links and the KFC building. The information centre is owned and operated by Rodney District Council.

*RDC owned and
operated*

2. Orewa Skatepark

A skateboard park is located on land adjacent to the Youth Centre. This facility was built by the community with substantial support from local business.

*RDC owned and
operated*

11.0 Future Development

The Auckland Regional Growth Strategy: 2050, prepared in 1999, identified the need to consolidate growth in key areas. In Rodney, Orewa has been identified with the intention to be a significant node to accommodate future population. This future growth will add increased pressure on all open space provisions within Orewa. Therefore it is important to manage and develop all open space to the requirements of the wider community and in a manner that best supports the overall open space network.

*Orewa Future
Growth*

Western Reserve is essential to the wider Orewa Open Space Network. The network includes several key significant open space areas, including two active recreational parks (structured active recreation), Victor Eaves Park and Metro Park located within the Silverdale North Development; a large continuous length of passive recreational coastal esplanade Reserve; an extensive conservation Reserve at Alice Eaves Reserve; Orewa Reserve beachfront, for unstructured recreation and Western Reserve. Within this larger open space context, Western Reserve currently accommodates the majority of community recreational facilities for Orewa. Western Reserve does not have any sport fields, this is largely due to the extensive stability work required to develop the Reserve for sports fields.

*Orewa Open
Space Network*

Western Reserve is an important neighbourhood Reserve within Orewa. Its prominent location adjacent to the Orewa River, Hibiscus Coast Highway and proximity to residential and urban development establishes the Reserve as an

Strategic Location

important area of public open space for the community. It is also an component of two significant walkway networks; significant for their recreational opportunities and general accessibility for connectivity for the wider community (Hibiscus Coast Ward).

Western Reserve will continue to develop and enhance the environmental and cultural/heritage values of the Reserve as a community focused public open space and entry to Orewa.

Vision for Western Reserve

This proposed vision for Western Reserve has been developed with consideration to best support and anticipate the future demands of the wider open space network for Orewa. Therefore key proposals for the future development of the Western Reserve include:

The various community clubs and groups located within the Reserve and the desire for their enhancement and additional facilities suggests that Western Reserve is a significant area for community recreation and educational/learning activities. Establishing a cohesive group of community buildings within the Reserve is important to the development of an integrated and attractive public Reserve, which meets the interests of club members, the wider community and visitors.

Community Focused / Cohesive Development

A comprehensive development plan for the Orewa Bowling Club will establish the future needs of this facility and ensure the integration of the Club within the overall development of the Reserve. Strong connections with Centreway Road and the overall consolidation of parking and boundary treatments within the Reserve will be integral to this plan.

Orewa Bowling Club

The addition of a Community Art Centre within the Reserve will provide a variety of educational/learning opportunities for the Orewa Community. The location has the potential to explore outdoor art classes and strengthen the connection to the Orewa River and Estuary.

Community Art Centre

The desire for a central community gathering space for special events will provide a 'heart' for the Reserve attracting a variety of events and activities into the Reserve.

Central Community Space

Carparking provisions within the Reserve are currently spread throughout the south eastern quarter. Although they currently cater for a variety of uses, a more efficient layout and use of open space could be achieved. Carparking requirements should be considered in a comprehensive plan for the whole Reserve and not for each facility in isolation.

Rationalise Carparking

Future development will reflect a balance between active and passive recreation and educational uses. Careful management of the various different activities and spaces is important to ensure conflicts between uses do not arise.

Recreation and Educational Activities

The location of the neighbouring Orewa College and Orewa Primary School suggests opportunities to develop the Reserve (or part of) as an important interactive learning environment. Promoting this connection enables the school, local people, wider community and visitors to learn about both the natural, environmental and cultural/heritage values of the Reserve.

Learning Environment

The tidal Orewa River and Estuary edge that bounds the southern side of the Reserve provides important recreational and educational opportunities. The land/water interface is a significant asset of the Reserve supporting a range of passive and active recreation. It also provides opportunities to create interactive spaces to explore water movement, tidal ecosystems and fauna.

Land/Water Interface

<p>Western Reserve will be developed to enhance the estuarine/coastal character and create a unique signature for the Reserve. Development will also protect and enhance the environmental values of the Reserve, while improving habitat.</p>	<p><i>Estuarine/Coastal Character</i></p>
<p>The Reserve's proximity to the Orewa River creates an opportunity to enhance wildlife habitat for a variety of fauna including shore birds, migratory birds and insects.</p>	<p><i>Improve wildlife habitat</i></p>
<p>The Reserve's strategic location at the entry to the Orewa township gives it a high public and visitor profile with opportunities to enhance the character and quality of the entry and exit to the town.</p>	<p><i>Enhance Entrance to Orewa</i></p>
<p>Improved visibility and accessibility into the Reserve will enhance this gateway feature into Orewa.</p>	<p><i>Increase Visibility into the Reserve</i></p>
<p>A short term concept plan (Figure 1.5) and a long term concept plan (Figure 1.6) are provided to illustrate the future vision and proposed development of Western Reserve. The long term concept plan describes the long term vision for the Reserve, which is envisaged to be staged over a period of time.</p>	<p><i>Concept Plans</i></p>

12.0 Development Controls

<p>The future development of Western Reserve is best considered within the context of the overall character of Orewa, the Orewa open space network and the wider Hibiscus Coast Ward. As well as being important to the wider the open space network, Western Reserve is part of a series of reserves, which together create a continuous walkway around the Estuary connecting various residential developments into the Orewa township.</p>	<p><i>Wider Context</i></p>
<p>Future proposals for the Reserve will be carefully evaluated through the objectives and policies of this Management Plan and through the provisions of the Rodney District Plan. All future development should also align with 'Vision Rodney' and the 'Orewa Growth Study'.</p>	<p><i>Statutory requirements</i></p>
<p>Western Reserve has an Open Space 4 (Multi-use and Community) zoning in the Proposed Rodney District Plan, 2000. This zone recognises the intense use of these areas and the need to provide sufficient facilities while retaining the open space character and amenity values. A wide range of activities are permitted. Future proposals for the Reserve shall be aligned with the objectives of this zone.</p>	<p><i>Multi-use and Community Zone</i></p>

13.0 Reserve Promotions/Signage/Branding

<p>Western Reserve has a small street sign off Hibiscus Coast Highway (SH1). This sign is inadequate in size and does not create an identity for the Reserve as it is currently competing with a wide range of community advertising signage along Hibiscus Coast Highway.</p>	<p><i>Poor signage</i></p>
<p>A sign illustrating the history of the Orewa vehicle bridge is located beside the millennium walkway in the boat ramp carpark. It is proposed that this sign is relocated to better integrate it into the surrounding landscape.</p>	<p><i>Bridge Information Sign</i></p>
<p>It is proposed that clear identification signs be located at the main entry points to the Reserve and at all other walkway/street linkages. Signs will be designed to provide an identity to the Reserve and will follow a consistent design format outlining the Reserve name, policy controls on use and any community facilities within the Reserve.</p>	<p><i>Improved Signage and Identity</i></p>

Signs associated with the community facilities should be consistent with the design format of other Reserve signs, with individual logos, information etc. incorporated.

Leases signage

It is also proposed that a millennium walkway sign is located at the entrance and adjacent to the walkway, this sign would identify with a map the key features (parks, areas and activities) along the walkway and wider connections.

*Millennium
Walkway Signage*

14.0 Reserve Maintenance

Western Reserve is administered and maintained by Rodney District Council with the exception of those areas covered by specific leases. The responsibility for the maintenance of leased areas is with the leaseholder.

*Council and
Leaseholders*

15.0 Review Procedures

In accordance with the Reserves Management Act 1977 the Council is required to keep Management Plans under continuous review. Rodney District Council will review this plan regularly and revise it as required.

Continuous review

16.0 Objectives and Policies

Western Reserve Vision:

The future development of Western Reserve will be to develop and enhance the environmental and cultural/heritage values of the Reserve as a community focused public open space.

16.1 Objective One

Provide for a variety of community facilities within the Reserve to serve the local residents, wider community and visitors.

Policies

- (i) Maintain and enhance the range of community facilities within the Reserve.
 - Maintain and provide appropriate locations for:
 - Community Art Centre
 - Orewa Bowling Club
 - Orewa Mini Golf Links
 - Hibiscus Coast Youth Council
 - Hibiscus Coast Dog Obedience Club
 - Picnicking
 - Outdoor Performance Area
 - Skateboarding
 - Children's play area
 - Boat ramp
 - Public toilets
- (ii) Encourage and provide for short term special events such as temporary exhibitions, carnivals, markets and concerts subject to the Council's discretion.

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- Significant activities must apply for written permission for the event including provisions made for ablutions, refuse, health and safety, traffic management, noise and carparking.
 - There must be full compliance with all conditions the Council attaches to any permit allowing the short term special event.
- (iii) Provide for leases over parts of the Reserve for existing leaseholders and a new area for a Community Art Centre, as indicated on the Landscape Concept Plans.
- The Community Art Centre lease area is to include the old KFC building. This lease includes allowance for renovations to the building.
 - The leaseholder shall be bound by the provisions of this Management Plan with acknowledgement of the vision for this Reserve as outlined in this Plan.
- (iv) Develop a comprehensive development plan for the Orewa Bowling Club to address the future needs of this area and ensure the integration of the club within overall development of the Reserve.
- (v) Renew the mini golf lease on a limited 3 year basis subject to right of renewal

16.2 Objective Two

Provide for a variety of organised and informal recreation opportunities to serve the local residents, wider community and visitors.

Policies

- (i) Continue to provide and maintain good quality boat access to the Orewa River and associated car and trailer parking.
- (ii) Upgrade the existing Orewa Skate Park
- (iii) Continue to promote pedestrian walkway links around the Orewa Estuary, to Orewa College, Maygrove Reserve, Silverdale North residential areas, Orewa Reserve and the Millennium walkway circuit.
- (iv) Maintain and enhance the range of informal and organised recreation opportunities within the Reserve.
 - Maintain and provide appropriate locations for:
 - Outdoor Performance Area
 - Large community events
 - Picnicking
 - Children's play area
 - Boat ramp
 - Skateboarding
 - Walking

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- (v) Provide for a variety of recreational pursuits while respecting the needs and values of all users.
 - (vi) Provide facilities, consistent with the recreational activities and uses of the Reserve, for the wider community and as provided in this Management Plan and to ensure that any new structures and buildings are designed to complement the open space character of the Reserve.
 - Additions to existing buildings and new buildings are to be located in consideration with the Landscape Concept Plans.

16.3 Objective Three

Provide for a learning environment that allows local people, the wider community and visitors to explore and learn about the surrounding natural, cultural/heritage values of the Reserve.

Policies

- (i) Design and develop areas for people to learn about the surrounding natural/environmental, cultural/heritage values within the Reserve.
 - Design and develop structures/signage/pathways that capture the ephemeral character of Orewa Estuary and that illustrate tidal/coastal effects, wind, sun and rain levels.
 - Design and develop elements that reveal stories of the past, present cultural/heritage activities that occurred on the site and develop opportunities for future stories.
- (ii) Promote and enhance the Reserve as a learning environment.
 - Design and develop an interpretation strategy that supports the future environmental, cultural/heritage learning environment.
- (iii) Enhance the connection to Orewa College and other schools and promote the Reserve as a place for schools to participate in outdoor educational activities.
 - Ensure that the community and neighbouring schools are invited to participate in planting projects within the Reserve.

16.4 Objective Four

Manage and enhance the natural and cultural/heritage values of the Reserve.

Policies

- (i) Recognise and enhance the cultural/heritage values within the Reserve.
- (ii) Enhance the environmental values of the Reserve, with estuarine/coastal planting as indicated on the Landscape

Concept Plans.

- (iii) Planting design particularly along the coastal edge shall reflect the New Zealand estuarine/coastal character of the site.
- (iv) Protect and enhance the coastal edge to improve habitat, while providing public access to the coast, in accordance with the Council's Coastal Management Strategy(s).
- (v) Design and develop a suite of park furniture and signage that is unique to Western Reserve.
 - All furniture and signage to be consistent throughout the Reserve, including lessees' signage.
 - Use of materials to reflect the estuarine/coastal location of the Reserve.

16.5 Objective Five

Manage and enhance the visual quality of the open space character of the Reserve.

Policies

- (i) Retain, rationalise and extend the vegetation within the Reserve with consideration to function, site conditions and landscape character.
 - Establish a number of shade and canopy trees.
 - Plant Norfolk Pines, Pohutukawa and other appropriate native species as needed along the coastal edge to maintain current variety of views and shelter.
 - Eco-source seed is encouraged for replanting adjacent to all estuarine areas.
 - Enhance wildlife habitat where practical.
- (ii) Co-ordinate and integrate all planting undertaken within the Reserve.
 - Stage implementation of planting as indicated on the Landscape Concept Plans.
 - Ensure every application for planting in a lease area is assessed against, and is consistent with the Landscape Concept Plans.
- (iii) Prepare a programme for selective on-going weed removal and control.
 - Ensure exotic plants species used in the Reserve are known non-invasive types that can be effectively controlled with common management techniques.
- (iv) Ensure that maturing trees are maintained in accordance with the standards and techniques of approved arboriculture

practice.

- Carry out tree surgery work where necessary on all coastal and specimen trees to be retained.
 - Continue systematic removal of pines at the Edgewater Grove entrance, Review current stand (identify species with historical links).
- (v) Pursue strategies to improve the drainage of the Reserve.
- Investigate drainage systems in keeping with the overall vision of the Reserve.
 - Improve the visual character of the stormwater overland flow paths.
 - Ensure stormwater run-off and sediment control measures are implemented for any building work undertaken on the Reserve.
- (vi) Manage and maintain the open grassed areas to a standard, which is in keeping with their passive recreational use.
- Develop variable maintenance programmes for areas requiring different levels of maintenance eg. Open grass areas for passive recreation and grass under trees, around community facilities and buildings

16.6 Objective Six

Increase and enhance the profile and the visibility of the Reserve.

Policies

- (i) Enhance and provide further street frontage to the Reserve along Centreway Road & Edgewater Grove (refer to policy (ii)).
- Purchase, subject to favourable economic analysis any Lots 111-113 SO 26169, Lots 231-233 and 235 SO 32801, Lots 1 and 2 DP 314046 and Lot 1 DP 96337 should these properties become available (refer to the Landscape Concept Plans).
- (ii) Remove the existing crèche and community house buildings when alternative accommodation is found to house these groups.
- (iii) Consider relocation of community house and crèche in conjunction with any new land purchases on the Centreway Road frontage of the Reserve.
- (iv) Improve the visibility into the Reserve from Hibiscus Coast Highway (SH1).
- Ensure the main frontage is developed in accordance to the Landscape Concept Plans to emphasise its open space character.

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- (v) Increase visibility of all entrances and entry signs into the Reserve.
 - (vi) Design and develop a gateway feature within the Reserve, which highlights the entrance into Orewa Town Centre.
 - (vii) Protect and Enhance view shafts from all road frontages and selected views from the River into the Reserve to increase the open space character of the Reserve.
 - (viii) Investigate alternative locations for community advertising billboards on the corner of Centreway Road and Hibiscus Coast Highway.
 - (ix) Remove and relocate the existing Orewa Lions Club paper recycling shed. Investigate relocating facility to adjacent the Orewa Bridge Club on West Hoe Road.
 - (x) Develop a comprehensive development plan for the Orewa Bowling Club to include the design and review of boundary treatments within the Reserve.

16.7 Objective Seven

Provide for safe pedestrian and cycle access through the Reserve strengthening links with surrounding areas and walkways.

Policies

- (i) Develop and maintain effective and safe pedestrian and cyclist movement into and through the Reserve.
 - Ensure that all access points provide effective entry for pedestrians, cyclists and allow for wheelchairs and pushchairs.
 - Create additional entrance points to the Reserve in accordance with the Landscape Concept Plans.
 - Design and develop links throughout the Reserve, to provide connections to surrounding entrances.
 - Develop a continuous multi purpose, all weather path around the Reserve, for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair access.
 - Ensure that all pedestrian access is safe and can be viewed by others within the Reserve.
- (ii) Address the visual surveillance issues associated with the mini golf and coastal walkway in accordance with the concept plans and within the conditions of lease for this facility.
- (iii) Promote and enhance connections to surrounding Reserves, neighbouring schools, shopping centres and residential areas.
 - Promote and encourage connections to Orewa College,

Centreway Reserve and beyond to Maygrove Reserve.

- Promote and encourage connection to Silverdale North Development.
 - Develop and maintain connection to Orewa Reserve.
- (iv) Promote and recognise the importance of the continuous Coastal Walkway (*including the Millennium Walk*) around the Orewa River and Estuary.
- Enhance and maintain the Coastal Walkway (*including the Millennium Walk*) to provide a multi-use walkway/cycleway with destination/activity nodes along the journey.
 - Provide signage and design enhancement as per the Landscape Concept Plan to promote the coastal walkway experience, and to highlight the entry points into the Reserve.
- (v) Remove the existing building located on the edge of the Orewa River currently leased by Orewa Lions Club to enhance the surveillance and safety of the coastal walkway and this area.

16.8 Objective Eight

Protect and enhance the open space of the Reserve, anticipating the future increasing demand on open space.

Policies

- (i) Ensure that vehicle access and parking is in balance with protecting and enhancing the open space values of the Reserve.
- Encourage sharing of facilities between activities especially when periods of high demand occur at special events and different times.
- (ii) Facilitate and encourage communal use of carparks and avoid development of segregated carparks within the Reserve.
- (iii) Restrict the construction of any further buildings and/or areas for carparking to avoid a proliferation of buildings and parking on the Reserve resulting in a loss of open space.
- (iv) Ensure that any retail and commercial development within the Reserve complies with the Commercial uses of Reserves Strategy, and is aligned with the future vision for the Reserve.
- (v) Rezone Lot 236 Allot 279 Parish of Waiwera (currently zoned Residential Medium) to Open Space 4 (Multi-use and Community).

16.9 Objective Nine

Ensure a high level of design and maintenance of facilities provided on the Reserve.

Policies

- (i) Provide detailed landscape development and planting plans consistent with the overall Landscape Concept Plans.
- (ii) Ensure regular quality maintenance and asset renewal of Western Reserve.

16.10 Objective Ten

Implement the provisions of this Plan through appropriate management of the Reserve.

Policies

- (i) Recognise and consider other statutory documents in implementing this Management Plan.
- (ii) Ensure this Management Plan is kept under review.
- (iii) Recognise the classification of the Reserve and the allocation of activities and the use of space.
- (iv) Manage present and future leases in terms of the provisions of the Reserves Act and the current Council leasing and licensing policies and in conjunction with the policies contained in this Management Plan.
 - The terms of lease for the current occupiers where rights of renewal apply will be reviewed in terms of obligations and expectations under this Management Plan prior to their expiry date.
 - Lessees' to prepare asset management plans as part of future lease agreements.
- (v) Provide for users permits and concessions.
 - Permits for temporary concessions or events may be granted for the use of areas of the Reserve, which are compatible with the objectives for the Reserve and in accordance with policy or implementation under this Management Plan and the Commercial Use of Reserves Strategy.

17.0 Implementation

Management Plans often contain suggestions for various future developments and improvements. Once the Management Plan is adopted these proposals are costed and incorporated into the Council's long-term financial strategies. However, suggestions that are included in adopted Plans do not necessarily mean that the work will occur for many years or in some cases it may be deleted as a consequence of future review.



MAPS/PLANS



APPENDIX B

Plans